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LABOR LEADER IS MADE MEMBER OF PRIVATE COUNCIL

From a house to member of the private council is regarded as a champion

Will Crooks Endured Hardships in Early Life But Has Become Labor Leader of Parliament — Regrets That He Must Wear Social Robes

BY WILBUR S. FORREST (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Jan. 22.—(By Mail.)—England's most Abraham Lincoln-like figure is in the limelight. From the poor house to membership in the King's Most Honorable Privy Council is but part of the record of Will Crooks, a member of Parliament and champion of the common people.

On the front doorstep of a modest little cottage in Poplar, a London district, on New Year's day, a figure in white robes, colored shirt sleeves at the cuffs, greeted proud townsmen with a hearty "congratulations." Messengers brought telegrams in batches and handed them direct to the only member of the "masses" admitted to the King's Inner Council and permitted to bear the title of "Right Honorable."

In the cottage, while Crooks did the honors on the doorstep, Mrs. Crooks, a plump, wholesome English housewife, preparing the New Year's dinner. There are no frills or "swank" in the home of the King's latest Privy Councillor. That is why Mrs. Crooks was in the kitchen while Will, as he is known both in Poplar and Parliament, was assuring his friends on the doorstep that being a Right Honorable made him feel no different.

"There's one thing I want to say," he told them all. "Because the King has deemed fit to call me his right hand, and well beloved or whatever the phrase is, I'm not going to be a party man. I'll be right with the workers. Tell them that the people have more power to work with than with them. I live with them and help to die with them."

When the voters elected Crooks mayor of Poplar in 1901 he made a record that pleased the folk who elected him over a more aristocratic opponent. He wore the traditional robes of office because Mrs. Crooks told him to and not because he wanted to. That is also why he's going to wear the elaborate court dress that is incumbent on a privy councillor.

"If they say 'Will's got to wear court robes,' no, that's all there is to it," said Mrs. Crooks. "Leave it to me. I'll see that he gets them. It was the same when he became Mayor of Poplar. He wasn't going to wear the robes, but I made him."

When the workers of Poplar reviewed Crooks' record as Mayor in 1901, they immediately began to boost his record for Parliament in the Woolwich district of which Poplar is part. He went to Commons with an overwhelming majority and he's still there.

Fighting the battles of the common folks, the appearance of this medium sized laborer M. P. with his flashing blue eyes and iron grey beard on the floor of the House of Commons, has long since ceased to be a joke. Much credit has been given to the "old man" for his courage in the "old man" who dared to call the government "rotten" and his uprightness of tongue.

The story of Garfield's boyhood days on the township; Lincoln's splitting and grocery clerk life at Ben Franklin's last penny for a bun in Philadelphia, do not outdo the boyhood vicissitudes of King George's new Privy Councillor.

When he was only six an accident, to his father threw the support of himself and his six brothers and sisters upon his mother.

"I remember how she used to cry because she didn't know where the next meal was coming from," said Crooks today. When Will was nine, a neighbor who kept a shop in Poplar offered his twelve cents a week to deliver milk and he took the job. Then his mother's health failed and because the sixpence a week wouldn't keep the family, they all went to the poorhouse for a time.

Will's next job was in a grocery store at fifty cents a week. At 11 he graduated to the job of blowing the bellows of a forge at a dollar and a half a week, which augmented by earnings of his elder brothers, barely held the family together. At 15 he held the family together to a firm of cooper's where he earned about sixty cents a week while he was learning the trade.

Crooks grew up a cooper. It was in this trade that he became intensely interested in labor problems, experimenting with the methods of strikes and lockouts and at times being forced to leave home about London in search of work.

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APPAM TO REMAIN GUEST OF THE UNITED STATES

Germans Free to Leave If They Took Prize With Them

Newport News, Pa., Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—The German prize liner Appam was today prepared to remain an indefinite guest of the United States. Formal interment orders were expected from Washington. The Appam was made snug and fast with anchors as if her captain planned a long stay. Most of the 400 British passengers and crew of the Appam and other British ships sunk by the German raider had left Hampton Roads. All of the Britons were free to leave. So were the Germans provided they took their prize along. Legally the Germans were as free to leave port as the Britons. Physically there were some difficulties chief of the latter were the cordons and British cruisers reported outside the cape guarding the entrance to Hampton Roads.

ATTORNEY MAKES POWERFUL PLEA FOR MRS. E. F. MOHR

Jury Will be Out Tomorrow and Mrs. Mohr Will Know Her Fate

Providence, R. I., Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Attorney John J. Fitzgerald today made a powerful plea to the jury for the acquittal of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr on trial for instigating the murder of her husband. Argument in the trial which has now lasted four weeks was expected to be concluded late today.

The jury will be out tomorrow and Mrs. Mohr may know her fate before tomorrow night. An enormous crowd thronged the court room and corridors of the court house for the closing session of the trial today.

ANTHRACITE COAL OPERATORS REJECT MINERS' DEMAND

Operators Propose Settlement by Conciliation Board if Agreement Cannot be Reached

Twenty Per Cent. Increase in Wages, Two Year Working Agreement and Eight Hour Day Refused by the Operators

New York, Feb. 3.—The anthracite coal operators today rejected the demands of their miners for a 20 per cent. increase in wages, complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, a two-year working agreement, an eight-hour day and changes in the methods of fixing wages.

The operators propose that if the differences cannot be settled by the "interested parties" themselves, they be submitted to the board of conciliation provided for in the award of the anthracite coal strike commission of 1902. The miners' demands were formulated last September at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and were ratified last week by the United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis.

In a reply to their employees, signed by the heads of 19 anthracite companies and approved at their meeting today, it is stated that to grant the wage increase would mean an advance to the consumer of 60 cents a ton for domestic sizes of anthracite. The operators declare that the anthracite industry is being conducted "on as low a margin of profit as is possible if the operators are to continue to serve the public."

Answering the miner's contention of the cost of food in 12 years increased 40 per cent. and wages 5 per cent., the operators present figures purporting to show "an increase of only 16 per cent. in the miner's total cost of living as compared with an increase of over 86 per cent. in his earning capacity."

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of other work until the disputes were settled. Despite it all he married and reared a family of two sons and four daughters. He first held office as a member of the London County Council in 1892. He has held office ever since.

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MARCELLUS DODGE WEALTHIEST YOUNG MAN OF NEW YORK

Young Man Rapidly Becoming One of Country's Most Widely Known Financiers

Dodge Is Married to Niece of John D. Rockefeller—Made Director of Large Insurance Firm After Leaving College

New York, Feb. 4.—Who is the richest young man in America? Marcellus Hartley Dodge, a Gould, an Astor, or a Vanderbilt, but Marcellus Hartley Dodge of this city, a young man whose name is scarcely known to the public at large. He has just turned 30 years, possesses a million or two for every year of his life, and thanks to a war and the fact that his grandfather was far-sighted enough or lucky enough to establish a munition business, young Dodge is adding to his pile at a rate of a million or more a month. If the war in Europe continues a while longer Marcellus Dodge will not only be the richest young man in America but he will possess a fortune that will rival that of any man in America, irrespective of age.

Until now Dodge has been the least known of the young multimillionaires in absolute possession of his fortune. When his grandfather, Marcellus Hartley, died, the public was surprised to learn that Hartley left about \$40,000,000. Hartley had two children—daughters. One became Mrs. Jenkins and the other Mrs. Dodge. Hartley outlived Mrs. Dodge. Half the estate went to Mrs. Jenkins and half to Marcellus Hartley Dodge. The Hartley fortune was made in the manufacture of cartridges and firearms. The big factory is at Bridgeport, Conn. Since the beginning of the present war the size of the plant has been more than doubled and has been working day and night to fill war orders.

Young Dodge was a student at Columbia when his grandfather died. He was a member of the track team and coxswain of his class crew. But athletics did not monopolize his attention at the university. He was elected head of the university's Y. M. C. A. and president of his class. At the graduation exercises he was voted one of the most popular three men of his class. He returned the compliment that his classmates had paid him by presenting a \$300,000 dormitory to Columbia on his graduation, as a memorial to his grandfather.

The young man took all the responsibility very seriously. No butterfly society life for him. He said goodbye to his classmates and went down to work in the big Broadway offices of his grandfather. Sometimes twice a week he would run down to Bridgeport to see how the big factory was getting along. Very shortly he began to make an impression on the big financiers and business men of New York. The directors of the Equitable Life voted unanimously to give the college boy the seat in the directorate made vacant by the death of his grandfather.

More luck came thick and fast before young Dodge was a year out of college. In 1907 he married Ethel Geraldine Rockefeller, daughter of William Rockefeller, niece of John D. and sister of Percy and William G. Rockefeller. The Dodge-Rockefeller romance was just the same old story—the love of two young people for one another. Miss Rockefeller didn't have the distressing feeling that perhaps she was being wooed for her money—as many a rich girl has had before; and young Mr. Dodge didn't have to think he was being angled for because of his great fortune—as some other young millionaires have felt before.

Mrs. Dodge is distinctly an outdoor woman. She much prefers to canter over the country roads than to trivel at an afternoon tea. She can drive as well as she can ride, too, and nearly every fine afternoon sees her driving a spirited pair, with some young woman friend as companion.

Meanwhile Mr. Dodge is so busy a man that he has had to give up all outdoor sports, except an occasional turn on the golf links on a Saturday afternoon. With all his millions he refuses to speculate. Wall Street is his pet aversion. His surplus income is regularly invested in stocks or bonds of gut-gilded companies. "If I can, I will make my name the synonym for the highest bond and business integrity," he has said.

With all his millions he is as quiet and unassuming as if he was a \$20 a week clerk. He occupies the office his grandfather did, uses the same desk, manages the business as if he were a clerk, and attends to his duties as faithfully as any of his thousands of employees.

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TWO BOYS BECAME WITH \$530 OF STOLEN MONEY

Expect To Go To Texas To Make Fortune—Another Starts But Turns Back

Yesterday morning two boys about 16 years of age left on the 8:20 train for Texas with \$530 dollars of money which one of the boys had stolen from a vest of his grandfather's. Another boy had intended going with the two runaways but missed the train. The third boy left on the one o'clock train but after getting as far as Mineral Springs thought the matter over and decided to stay under the protection of his father, so he returned to Clearfield by foot.

The purpose of the boys in going to Texas is not definitely known but it appears that they had been subject to what is called "day dreams" and that they had carefully planned their future. The boy that returned home knew a little of two trades and his intention was to follow up these trades regardless of his age. The other two boys did not tell their friends before leaving what they intended doing after arriving at their destination.

The police of Clearfield have been making strenuous efforts to locate the boys or to find some trace of them but their efforts have failed and their parents are ignorant to their whereabouts. The boys had gained such a start that it is not known in which direction they went after arriving in Tyne. It is hoped that some trace will be found before the day is over.

PREPAREDNESS EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED BY CONGRESS

Deep Pessimism Prevails Over Latest Developments in Lusitania Case

On board the President's special, Pittsburgh, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—That President Wilson's preparedness program will be adopted by congress before the end of March was freely predicted by those to the President today. Whether this opinion was based upon the enthusiasm with which the President has met on his central western tour or whether it was expressed in the light of the international developments could not be learned. It was indicated last night, however, that the President had received from Secretary of State Lansing some important letters and code messages on the Lusitania negotiations and some announcement on the subject is expected shortly after the President's return to Washington.

Washington, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Deep pessimism prevailed in official circles over the latest communication from Berlin on the Lusitania case. It is understood today that the Secretary of State Lansing has received a report from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin and has forwarded this to President Wilson. This report is said to cover what Gerard has been able to learn of Berlin's official attitude on the matter.

It is known that President Wilson will not yield in any particular on the demands he has made of Germany. It has been indicated during his trip by the addresses he has made and it is known to be his belief that a crisis may develop with Germany on the Lusitania issue at any time. It has been ascertained that this government does not care to "dicker" longer on the question and that some understanding must be reached this month.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH IN LARGE NEW YORK FIRE

Bride to be Found in Smoking Debris This Morning, Dead

New York, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Six persons burned to death, one missing and two injured, was the toll of an early morning fire which destroyed the \$50,000 home of Mrs. Casimir Tag, wife of the president of the German American Bank, Brooklyn. The dead are: Hannah Smaely, 65, cousin of Mrs. Tag; Carolyn Tag, 24, daughter of Mrs. Tag; Helen Tag, 35, daughter of Mrs. Tag; Jennie Stedman, 24, trained nurse; Annie Cain, 52, servant; Lizzie Cain, 42, servant.

Awakened by the heat and smoke Miss Caroline Tag whose wedding was to have been February 16th, called the fire headquarters on the telephone and ran upstairs to help get the others. Her body was found in the smoking debris on the third floor.

Called Home on Account of Illness of Mrs. SNOKE

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Glover, Mr. and Mrs. England, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. S. Snoke and Mr. and Mrs. George Snoke, all of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Rager, of Williamsport, sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snoke were called home on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Snoke. We are glad to state at this time that Mrs. Snoke is very much improved.

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The authorities of Philipshurg are satisfied that Hobson committed suicide, but there are several features in regard to the affair that need investigation, and in accordance with instruction from District Attorney Welch, Dr. Polham will go to Philipshurg this morning and hold an inquest. Although Mrs. Hobson was in the kitchen just below the room in which the shot was fired, she heard no explosion, and the first intimation she had of anything being wrong was when she smelled smoke. She made an investigation and discovered the dead body.

It is not known just what caused the young man to take his own life, if such proves to be the case. It is alleged that there had been some domestic trouble for some little time, and it is declared that Hobson had threatened to take his life on several occasions. All weapons had been kept away from him, and it is not known how he managed to borrow a gun.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH INVITES DR. H. R. BENDER'S RETURN

Last evening at the Fourth Quarterly conference conducted by the District superintendent, Rev. S. B. Evans, of Tyne, Pa., the following resolution was passed, addressed to the Bishop, Earl Cranston, D. D. who is to preside at the coming annual conference, at Altoona, March 15th.

Whereas the presiding Bishop and his Cabinet of an annual conference seek as expression of the various quarterly conferences, as to their convictions with reference to the appointment of pastors, and Whereas our pastor, H. R. Bender, came to us nearly five years ago, not upon his own volition, but upon our invitation and the insistence of the presiding Bishop, William F. Anderson, D. D., and

Whereas the pastorate of H. R. Bender has been a blessing to our church, both in pulpit efficiency and in the growth of the church, Therefore, we, the members of the Fourth Quarterly conference of Trinity M. E. church, Clearfield, Pa., respectfully request the return of our pastor for another year.

BEST GAME OF SEASON TONIGHT AT Y. M. C. A.

Jay Kelchner's Quintette Will Meet Clearfield in Fast and Exciting Game

This evening the best basketball game of the season will be played when Susquehanna University five meets the strong Y. M. C. A. team on the local association gym floor. J. Martin Kelchner, well known all round athlete and formerly coach of athletics in the High School is the coach of the visiting team and will probably make his appearance at the game. Kelchner has developed an extra strong team at the college and is confident that his quintette will defeat the home team, but the local five will be there with the goods and give the college boys a good game, probably defeat them. Game starts at 8:15. Admission 25 cents.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING

This evening Rev. O. B. Poulson will deliver his closing sermon of the three weeks series at Trinity M. E. church. Rev. Poulson has attracted good congregations, and much good has been done. He has an attractive manner, a good clear voice, a pleasing address, and presents his subjects with clearness and force. You should hear him this evening. Service begins at 7:30.

MRS. STAYER ENTERTAINS AT FIVE HUNDRED PARTY

Mrs. Clyde Stayer gave a very delightful five hundred party last evening at her home on Third street. There were four tables and beautiful prizes were won by Mrs. Rex Montgomery and Mrs. Henry Spore. Dainty refreshments were served.

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The evangelistic meetings in the United Brethren church corner of Seventh and Dorey streets, East End, which were postponed two weeks ago on account of the grippe epidemic in Clearfield have again been resumed and are attracting a large number of people each evening. The interest in these meetings is increasing each evening and it is hoped that before they close that many more will be in attendance and share in the good works being done. There have already been several penitents, and the meetings promise to do a great work in the community.

Services every evening at 7:30 excepting Saturday evening to which every one is urged to be present. Next week Rev. R. T. Ketchum, pastor of the Baptist church of Brookville, will preach every night beginning on Monday, February 6. Rev. Ketchum is a splendid speaker and a wide-awake evangelist. Everybody should come and hear him.

BROTHERHOOD NIGHT HELD AT WEST SIDE LAST NIGHT

Brotherhood night at West Side M. E. church last night was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. R. M. Haney presided. Addresses were made by G. L. McCullough of Eleventh St. church, Wm. Bush, Thomas Thomas, Geo. I. Beers and the pastor, Rev. J. W. Long. Tonight will be Sunday School night.

PARLIAMENT HALLS AT OTTAWA RUINED BY CONFLAGRATION

Fatal Fire Caused by Chemical Explosion, Carefully Planned; Many Narrow Escapes

Members Rush Through Smoke to Safety — Losses Will Amount to Probably Eight Million Dollars — Valuable Library Saved.

Ottawa, Ontario, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—The four million Canadian Parliament building was in ruins today. Fire which broke out last night in the commons reading room as a result of a chemical explosion, swept out the corridors leading to the galleries and in the space of three minutes had filled the whole wing with a dense volume of smoke. Flames burst throughout the building. Six persons are known to be dead. Two of them are Madam Bray, wife of Dr. Bray, of Quebec, and Madam Morin, wife of Dr. Morin, of Quebec. They were guests of Madam Sevigny, wife of the speaker, and were cut off in their apartments.

At 2:45 this morning the fire was under control and the firemen believe they will be able to prevent its spreading to the east and west wings. Search for the bodies of four men caught by a falling wall was prevented by the heat of the debris. The front and side walls of the senate and commons building were still standing today, but the upper portion of the majestic towers that surmounted the building had toppled into the smoking interior. The library with its priceless volumes was untouched by the flames.

Though the burned buildings cost \$4,000,000 at the time they were built it will cost more than twice that amount to replace it, as various improvements had been made since it was built. Arrangements are being made for parliament to continue its session in the Victoria Museum or the Russell theatre.

Washington, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Destruction of the Ottawa Canada House of Parliament was denounced today as a barbarous and unwarranted crime of incendiarism in a resolution by Senator Thomas of Columbus. Senator Gallinger inquired what proof Thomas had that the fire was of incendiary origin and from what sources he received his information. Thomas refused to answer.

Colonel Sherwood, head of the Dominion police, declared today that there is absolutely no ground for rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin. That is impossible, he said. He started right under the nose of a policeman. Colonel Sherwood explained the rapid spread of the blaze by the fact that the reading room was full of papers.

CLEARFIELD CANDY KITCHEN

Mrs. Lewis Wise of River street left this morning for Lock Haven to visit her mother, Mrs. Susan Woomey, who is seriously ill at that place.

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Last Monday when the order issued by the court granted fifty seven licenses out of a total of 78 applicants, the fruits of the labors of the Clearfield County Temperance league, and other temperance organizations were apparent as a great many of the licenses were granted only after the applicant has signed a paper promising to live up to certain restrictions placed upon him.

In many cases these restrictions were placed on the hotels to put a stop to the practice of boot legging and those on the black list securing liquor. In other places such as DuBois Judge Bell prohibited the sale of liquor in bottle to any resident in the counties where licenses are not granted by the court. This action was taken to prohibit residents of Jefferson county going to DuBois and importing liquor into Jefferson county, as that county went dry yesterday afternoon. Although the order was issued before the county was put on the "water wagon," it was generally thought that all licenses would be refused.

These conditions were a great step toward temperance as heretofore if a single county went dry, liquor could be taken to those counties in bottles. Licenses were granted only after being carefully considered and after the evidence obtained proved that the hotel was a necessity in the community. If the temperance people could prove that the license was not a necessity, then the license was refused. When there was strong evidence on both sides and it was hard to decide which was the stronger, a license was issued with an order for both the applicant and the temperance people to draw up a petition to show the sentiment of the people in the community for presentation at the next license court.

One of the most important conditions placed upon any of the licenses was that the licensee should make no sales of liquor by bottles he made to residents in any county in which licenses are not granted by the court. This condition was placed upon DuBois Hotel company, Chas. A. Dietz, George H. Sloppy, S. A. Nelson, William Krach, James F. Dunn, Joe Benninger, H. R. Burns, Thomas Gaffey, John Rakowski, Charles A. McDonald, all of DuBois and John F. Reed, of Sandy township.

The licenses granted on the condition that no liquor be sold by bottles but all liquor sold shall be consumed immediately at the bar where bought, were Robert Mahaffey, Wm. E. J. Smith, Grampian, S. M. Swift, Woodland, Adam S. Hutchinson, Lawrence township, James Isenberg, Bell township, William M. Ferguson, Mahaffey, S. Dorsey Griffith, Cressville.

The licenses given Henry V. Brown of Bigler township and Charles Beane of Bigler township, were granted on condition that statements of labor of any kind shall not be accepted as payment for liquor and shall not be cashed by the licensee or by any one employed by him also, tokens representing merchandise shall not be taken for liquor on any terms and if such tokens are exchanged for cash the money given must equal the full face nominal value of the tokens.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Fort Worth, Feb. 4.—If Texas farmers ever put into execution the plan of Al Barry, of Wenchester, Wash., for exterminating the jack rabbit pest, the hare devouring microbe is liable to become a common sight on the Texas prairies. Barry says the farmers in his Washington neighborhood inoculated a few jack rabbits with assorted distemper germs. The microbes migrated from one rabbit to another until the rabbits were killed off. Barry has offered to teach Texas farmers his plan.

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Will some kind friend tell us what has become of one Henry Ford?

The President believes his speechmaking trip has shown that the people are for preparedness. If his own ego didn't din so continually in his ears, he would have known that without making the trip.

Today's issue of the Raftman's Journal contains the interesting announcement that S. V. Border, well known here as the editor of the Herald, forerunner of The Progress, has become an associate editor of that popular weekly.

The Progress takes great pleasure in wishing the McQuown-Border partnership a full measure of success.

The Mikado no doubt feels grateful to the senate for agreeing to a Philippine independence bill without a guarantee of the national integrity of the little nation in embryo. That makes Japan's course free from complications with the United States, for the Philippines are surely destined to become a Japanese province before our little brown brothers get their feet squarely under them as a nation.

Hudson Maxim believes so firmly in preparedness, and so fully in the prospect of our not having it before the European war ends, that he is seeking the exact geographical center of the United States for a day-out for himself and family when whoever is victorious in Europe comes marching upon us to recoup lost fortunes. Hudson can make a fortune out of town lots if he carries out the idea. We'd like to have one right alongside of the exact geographical center.

CLAD THINGS

Today's mail brought bills of lading for the new Duplex press which The Progress hopes to have installed in its new quarters by February 15. The new machine will put an immediate end to bad printing, and patient (and forgiving) readers are assured of one of the best printed newspapers in the state just as quickly as it can be installed.

OLD MOOLEY FAILS AGAIN

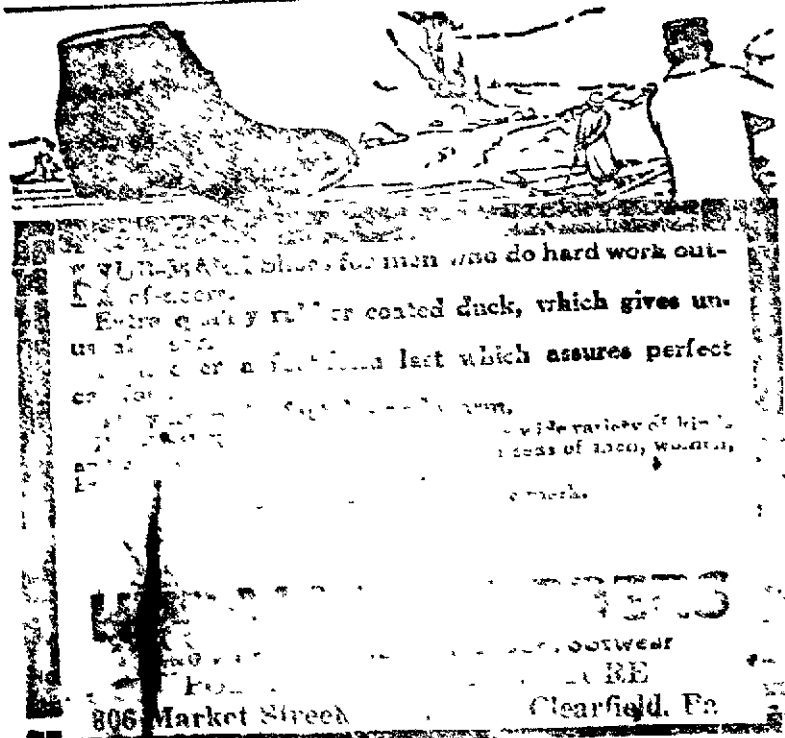
"Old Mooley" has again reduced her batting average. Yesterday morning she failed to announce Philipsburg's appeal for help, the electric light plant again coming to the rescue with a resonant blast which stirred the fire department to action.

As we have repeatedly pointed out, a fire alarm system which will not function is an added danger to the community. Better no system at all, for if we have none we will devise means of heralding fires which at least will not build up our confidence in the efficiency of a service and cause us to relax our vigilance in the assurance of timely warnings which do not come.

Last month the expert who installed the apparatus on top of the court house spent several days here testing out the system to locate its defects. Apparently his visit resulted in no good, for the first demand made upon it after his visit resulted in the same miserable failure which has marked every former test of its efficiency and sufficiency.

It is our understanding that the Gamewell Fire Alarm people guarantee this apparatus. We know that it is successful operation in many other towns of the size of Clearfield, and there appears to be no reason for its continued failure here except mechanical defects which the company should be compelled to remedy.

There should be no further delay in making the proper demands upon the company. This is the responsibility for making Old Mooley move—ours is the responsibility for making them act without further delay.



Why Turn Your Back on Opportunity?

Berhaps you don't understand the situation. Workmen are waiting to get into my store to put it in shape for such a Spring Opening as you never saw before. I am anxious to get to New York before the market is picked over. There remains enough of my water and smoke damaged stock to make both of these things impossible until you come and clean me out.

To Save Your Life, You Can't Lose

Ask your neighbor who bought here yesterday and today. The reply will be just what I have been urging you to do.

Hurry to Mirkin's Before it is Too Late

Try it and see. If the answer is not just that, come and tell me, and I'll pay you we to keep quiet about it.

The Crowd Was Not So Big Today

If it had been as big as Thursday's rush, I'd have to close up tomorrow to give the salespeople a chance to rest. Tomorrow, though, is going to be a hummer, and it is to your advantage to come early. Take my word for it, this is the biggest sale of its kind ever held in Clearfield, and you are very unwise if you are missing it,

ABE MIRKIN

Today's Geographic Study of The Great European War Zone

First among the reasons offered in explanation of the tenacious neutrality of Greece of the widely scattered Hellenic populations and business interests in the Ottoman Empire. An important part of the wealth of Greece is earned by the enterprises of her people without her borders, and her sons, as captains of Near Eastern industry and commerce, have taken a leading and lucrative part in the exploitation of Turkish lands. In illustration of this phase of the problem confronting the statesmen at Athens, a study prepared by the National Geographic Society on the Greek interests in the Levant is timely. It reads: "From Damascus to Adrianople, and from Smyrna to Trebizond, Greek capacity for buying and selling, and for banking, has quickened commercial life in spite of the heavy odds of the outworn forms of Turkish administration. Throughout this vast territory, where western capital and leadership are not to the fore, Big Business is in the hands of the Greeks, to such an extent that plutocracy in the Levant has become a matter of nationality. Equipped with the best training that the commercial schools of France and Germany can give, with practical experience in the big firms of London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, and with a native business acumen added to that of the Jew, the modern Greek has been able to carry everything before him in those lands where his country where business has been at a standstill since the days of Joseph Pasha. Smyrna, Alexandrette, Constantinople and Trebizond, all at ports of the Levant and Middle East, number among their most fortunate citizens and wealthy Greek merchants, bankers, and shipowners. Navigation on the eastern Mediterranean and on the Aegean Sea is

completely in the hands of the Greeks, the Armenians, the Syrians, the Jews and great Western firms with branches in the Middle East. To the Greek has fallen the lion's share of the business. He has always managed to get on with the Turk, whereas the Jew and the Armenian have often failed signally to maintain the favor of their overlords. Especially, has the Armenian succeeded in bringing down upon his luckless head the relentless disapproval of the Moslem, Turk and Kurd. "Shrewd in business and in politics, adaptable, quick to make the skill and methods of the West his own, pliant and persevering, the Greek has enjoyed what might be termed the inside path in the commerce of the Levant. Turk and Kurd, for the most part, have looked tolerantly upon his successful enterprise; and, thus favored above his competitors, he has developed a thousand and one lucrative sources of income in Turkish lands, and these mean much to the welfare of the people in the motherland as they mean to him and to the future of all his fellow colonists in the Sultan's realm."

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Geo. H. Lum

Sales Manager.

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The Best Oil Floor Mop on the Market; has strong handle and made of the very best of material throughout.

Price Complete with one 12 oz. bottle Floor Oil, for one week, beginning

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Now is the time to have your house wired. For ten days we are going to give the public the benefit of exceptionally low prices for this line of work.

If YOUR HOUSE NEEDS WIRING ask us our price now and have the work done later, our contracts will hold good at these low prices until April 1st.

For ten days only, beginning January 25th, until Feb. 4th, you can sign contract for any ELECTRIC work at our exceptionally low prices and have the work done any time between now and the 1st of April.

Just drop us a card or call J. & C. Phone No. 35x-2 Bell Phone No. 7R, and our Solicitor will call and help you solve the LIGHT question.

A certificate of inspection will be furnished FREE for all work during this campaign.

Central Electric Co.

Fashion Hints By Margaret Mason

(Written For The United Press.)

Small boys all know that tanning makes persons quite some smart; And that's a fact that summer girls Will have to take to heart, Because all dyes grow scarcer Since first the war began And for those dying to be smart There's nothing left but tan.

New York, Feb. 4.—Positively the only way you can go in for color effects this coming spring and summer is to turn green with envy, have a yellow streak, a fit of blues or red yourself up to be the pink of neatness. They do say that all is fair in love and war but it's been mighty hard for some of us to be fair with the recent embargo on peroxide. Fortunately that has just been lifted and hearts and heads are once more light.

The outlook for other dyestuffs however is very dark. The weather man has often predicted a white winter for us but now the fashion man promises us a white summer—white with a large dash of tan by way of variety.

By way of getting the greatest amount of variety out of tan you can call it beige, ecru, string biscuit sand and putty as it's intensity of tanness varies or waxes.

Fortunately we already have such charming tan summer materials in natural pence shantung and rajah silks, to say nothing of natural linens that to be thus limited for our spring and summer outfits threatens no real tribulation.

Cotton voiles of rich beige color striped in the same toned cotton velvet are most effective and the beige black striped are stunning additions to the new tan toned fabrics. Failure is lovely in these neutral shadings too and spring suits of ecru accented with beige are lovely as are the little turbans of biscuit colored straw and tulle and the high shoes with patty colored tops.

If you remember we were caught in a sand storm of sand colored suits, hats and accessories last spring, but this year's beige hued crop promises a chance and more quiet effectiveness.

As befitting a neutral nation that other most neutral of tints, pearl grey, will also have its place in the intricacies of our most modern fashions. Of a necessity then the modern maid, deliberately going against the admonition of Mr. Omar to fling her winter garment of repentance to the fires of spring will change instead her flame hued garb to a more serene shade of a new sartorial season.

And so a grey or tan mark will be added to the aggregate mass of black marks against the war by the women of fashion. But between you and me, after viewing the Ballet Russe backed by Ballet with its chaotic and unbalanced riot of colors I can't believe that the poor old war is the only thing responsible for the alarming change of dyes.

WHEAT EXPORTS
The United States has exported 1,000,000 bushels of wheat to the United Kingdom since the outbreak of the war.

RICHARDSON'S
304 Market Street

Sealed proposals for furnishing the building material for the new high school building at Clearfield, Pa., will be received by the Clearfield School Board at the office of the Clearfield School Board, Clearfield, Pa., until 10 o'clock P. M., February 10, 1916. Plans and specifications can be obtained from the Clearfield School Board, Clearfield, Pa., or from the Clearfield School Board, Clearfield, Pa., or from the Clearfield School Board, Clearfield, Pa.

New Cumberland, W. Va., Feb. 4.—Final real estate transfers were completed here today for ground upon which the largest independent steel mill in the country will be erected.

The site of the new industry is just west of here and it is expected that 1,000 men will be employed in the plant within the course of three years. The plants will be erected by the Wheeling-Gleason interests of Wheeling.

Williamsport, Feb. 4.—This city is to have a new silk company. The Keystone Silk Mills will prepare, treat, manufacture and deal in silk, wool and other textile fabrics.

Pottstown, Feb. 4.—The Pottstown & Phoenixville Railway Company plans to construct a line between Linfield and Spring City, two and a half miles.

Coatesville, Feb. 4.—Two million dollars will be spent here by the Coatesville Steel Company in the construction of a new steel mill.

Clearfield, Feb. 4.—The Clearfield School Board has received proposals for furnishing the building material for the new high school building at Clearfield, Pa., will be received by the Clearfield School Board at the office of the Clearfield School Board, Clearfield, Pa., until 10 o'clock P. M., February 10, 1916.

W. SCOTT PIPER
Secretary

Nurses Routed Out of Serbia By Bulgarians



These nurses of the Scottish Women's Hospital, who cared for wounded and dying Serbian soldiers, were compelled to give up their work and retreat from the Bulgarian army when the Serbians were overwhelmed. They were in the great retreat through the mountains to the Adriatic Sea whence they returned to England via Italy.

DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY

One Hundred Years Ago Today
1816—The death in Philadelphia of Capt. John Carson marked the climax of a sensational "Enoch Arden case." Returning from a long voyage, Capt. Carson was shot and killed by Lieut. Richard Smith, whom Carson's wife had married in the belief that her husband was dead.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Today
1841—The mercantile prospects of the country were again clouded by another suspension of specie payments by the Bank of the United States, Philadelphia.

Fifty Years Ago Today
1866—The relations between the United States and France were becoming strained as a result of the continued presence of French forces in Mexico.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Today
1891—Rev. Chas. F. Thwing was installed as president of Western Reserve University.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

America heard the first rumor that Germany was preparing a decree blockading the British Isles and warning the world that neutral ships might be torpedoed. The United States was ready to protest such a decree. This was the beginning of the submarine warfare which resulted in the sinking of the Cunard liner Lusitania off the old Head of Kinsale, May 7, 1915.

BIG MEET OF BOSTON A. A.

Boston, Feb. 4.—None of the twenty-six annual sets of track and field games conducted by the Boston Athletic Association, which annually have been regarded as offering the best of intercollegiate and club competition, has contained an entry list of such all-around excellence as that for the twenty-seventh revival of the games to be held in Mechanics' Building tomorrow night. Champions, intercollegiate or national, of almost every event on the track and field program are included in the list.

Besides the standard track and field events, there will be the usual program of relay races between leading colleges and athletic clubs. The Hunter mile has a particularly classy field with Overton of Yale, Gordon of the New York A. C., Joie Ray of the Illinois A. C., and Mike Devaney of the Millrose A. C. of New York. Devaney captured the Hunter mile a year ago and hopes to get a second leg on it tomorrow night. Ray is the national mile champion and Overton and Gordon are regarded as strong competitors. In addition to the Hunter mile there will be numerous other events on the program that will give the patrons of amateur sport an opportunity to see the cracks of the country.

TO CHECK PINE BLISTER RUST.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The advisability of placing a Federal quarantine on shipments of five-leaved pines and cultivated black currants from a variety of sources has been discussed today by the Department of Agriculture. The states which it is proposed to quarantine are Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire.

HOW 'TIZ' GLADDENS TIRED, ACHING FEET

No More Sore, Puffed-up, Tender, Aching Feet—No Corns or Callouses

"Tiz" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters, bunions and chilblains.

"Tiz" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "Tiz" brings restful foot comfort. "Tiz" is magical, grand, wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Ah! how comfortable, how happy you feel. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "Tiz" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy. Just think! a whole year's foot comfort for only 25 cents.

FLORIDA RESIDENTS WILL CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

Plans to Organize Gulf Coast Commerce Board Discussed

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—Thomas A. Edison, James Whitcomb Riley, Andrew Carnegie, George Ade, William Jennings Bryan, Henry Watterson, Mrs. Foster Palmer and about 100,000 other Florida residents and visitors will celebrate the festival of Don Jose Casparilla, that ferocious cutthroat who sailed the Spanish Main with a dirk in his teeth and a red rag on his head a century ago.

Plans to organize a Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, with a view of replacing, for Americans, the Italian Riviera with the winter resorts along the Mexican Gulf, were to be discussed at a meeting here during the carnival and South Florida fair. In the membership of the proposed chamber of commerce would be included Gulf Coast cities from Key West to Corpus Christi, Texas. The chamber also would discuss plans for a cross continent highway, to be known as the old Spanish trail, from Miami, on the Florida east coast, to the Pacific along the Gulf Coast route.

With festival dancing in the streets, allegorical and historical pageants, and a sub-tropical fair, the carnival is to last until February 12. Harness and running races are to be featured daily. Most of the floats and pageants feature the vain attempts of treasure-seekers to recover the vast quantities of gold which Gasparilla and his crew are said to have buried on Gasparilla Island, near Boca Grande.

DR. THWING'S ANNIVERSARY.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 4.—Dr. Charles F. Thwing today rounded out a quarter of a century of service as president of Western Reserve University in this city. It was on February 4, 1891, that he was formally installed as president of the university and of Adelbert College. Dr. Thwing is ranked among the foremost educators of the country.

Dr. Thwing is a member of the American Association and has served as secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND NIKLIN'S BIG FIRE SALE.

GILDED HORSESHOE USED TO REMIND OWNER OF BEAST

Last of 300 Black Beauties Used for Delivery, Dies

Chicago, Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—Purdy, the last of the 297 Black Beauties that once carried proudly about these cobbled and asphalt streets delivering things for one of the biggest department stores in the city, went away today to the horse's paradise, a 40-acre meadow. A gilded horseshoe nailed to his office wall is all that's left to remind L. L. Timmons, one-time table superintendent for Mandel Brothers, that the predecessors of the 80 delivery autos in his charge were these 297 Black Beauties. The shoe hangs as a memento and a reminder to sentimentalists that Black Beauties generally have gone and are going every day, from those marts where the auto truck chugs so merrily.

This announcement by one of Chicago's largest department stores of the passing of Purdy, was hailed by automobile men as an important epoch in transportation progress.

"When our horse delivery service was at its crest we were forced to relay much of our goods by train express to the suburbs, where wagons from branch stables completed the deliveries. Now we deliver practically everything within thirty miles of the store. Motor cars give such service that no sentimental argument can stand against them," declared a department store delivery expert today in explaining the movement.

MAN TO BIG AND HUSKY TO JOIN MARINE CORPS

Steel Mill Worker Refused Because of Size and Weight

Pittsburgh, Feb. 4.—Michael Tuholski, a steel mill puddler from Cleveland, O., aged 22 years, was today rejected at the United States Marine Corps recruiting station in this city, as "too big and husky" for the Marine Corps.

Tuholski measured six feet and five inches in his stocking feet and weighed 257 pounds without clothing. The medical examiner pronounced him a perfect physical specimen, but the maximum height for Marines is 73 inches and no giants or pygmies are wanted in the Marine Corps, according to Sergeant Michael De Boo, who is in charge of the local recruiting station for sea soldiers.

The giant recruit, who says he is no white hope and has no desire to meet Jess Willard or Frank Moran, will resume puddling in the mills, he told De Boo when the latter rejected him.

CAMPAIGN STARTED TO RAISE RELIEF FUND

Cleveland, Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—One hundred Jewish organizations here today began a ten-day campaign to raise \$25,000 for war sufferers. Next week Austro-Hungarians plan to raise \$40,000 for the same purpose by a bazaar, a beauty-show voting contest being the feature.

BRUNBAUGH FIRST GOVERNOR TO BE MARRIED IN CENTURY

His Marriage Put on That to Budget of Executive Engagement

Harrisburg, Feb. 4.—By taking unto himself a wife Gov. Brunbaugh has relieved not only himself of a set of amusements, but also several state capital newspaper correspondents.

During the four years that Edwin S. Stuart, a bachelor, was governor, it is doubtful if any three consecutive months passed without some official firing in a query to a Harrisburg correspondent about the reported "marriage or engagement of the governor. Always it was a "straight tip." And always it was equally false.

The same sort of thing has occurred during the year that Dr. Brunbaugh has been governor.

Almost a century had elapsed since the governor of Pennsylvania figured in a marriage—until last Saturday, John Andrew Shulze, who was governor from 1873 to 1878, when the term was three years and the governor would succumb himself, was married during his last term. Most of the governors have been married when they assumed office. Few or none have lost their wives while in office. Few have been bachelors.

Jacob Lightner, director of the State Employment Bureau, is pleased with the success of the office. It is able to fill the majority of requests, although occasionally an applicant for a job is too pernickety. Last month a man applied who wanted no job except that of passenger brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. Not possessing the qualifications, he was turned down. An opposite instance is where a man asked if he could be placed as manager of a mill.

"We weren't able to do that but we got him a place as assistant manager," said Lightner.

Four terms in common use about the capital cause a lot of trouble. They are the school appropriations, the permanent school fund, the permanent insurance fund and the State Workmen's Insurance fund. None has any connection with any of the others. Appropriations to school districts are not a separate fund but are paid from the general fund. Revenues permit, while the permanent school fund is the one in which excise and certain other moneys go, under the law, for investment; the income is to be used for school purposes. The permanent insurance fund is accumulated similarly from certain sources, under direction of the last legislature, so that the state may carry its own insurance on real and personal property. The State Workmen's Insurance Fund is the one which came into being with the new workmen's compensation law, which carries the insurance of all employers who patronize it.

POLISH NEWSPAPER STARTED

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—The Northwest's first Polish weekly newspaper was to appear today, under the direction of the Minnesota Polish Publishing Co. It is to appeal to the 50,000 Poles of the Northwest for the relief of European Poles.

MAJOR APPOINTS OFFICIAL POLICE CHIEF

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—Major J. J. Connelley, who has been in the St. Paul police force for 15 years, was today appointed official police chief.

DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND NIKLIN'S BIG FIRE SALE.

President's Daughter Ready for Concert Tour



President Wilson's daughter, Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, is ready to begin her concert tour. She is a musical instructor, Ross W. David, even were she not the daughter of a President.

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Gossip for Tonight's Tea Table

H. J. Hinterlighter attended to business in Grass Flat today.

Dr. E. C. Reeve returned yesterday from McVeytown.

J. W. Wetter returned this morning from a business trip to Clymer.

Don Ginery was a business visitor to Irwona yesterday.

A. M. Wright is home to spend Sunday with his family.

Jerry Wallace attended to business in DuBois yesterday.

W. C. Lantz, of DuBois, was a business visitor today.

James Gerson of DuBois, spent the day in town.

Coroner Pellum of DuBois, was in town today.

Mrs. I. B. Norris of Curwensville, spent yesterday with her son L. C. Norris.

Mrs. Rena Knepp spent yesterday with relatives in Woodland.

Miss Ursula Murray returned yesterday from a visit to Tyrone.

Mrs. Amelia Leshner and Mrs. Harvey Bloom of Curwensville, were shopping in town today.

Miss Madge Lansberry is spending a few days in Patton.

E. M. McIntosh, of DuBois, transacted business in town yesterday.

John Murray is confined to his home in Ogden avenue with grippe and rheumatism.

Mrs. Parkhill of Curwensville, is spending the week with her sister-in-law Mrs. E. C. Reeve.

B. R. Huff, special representative of the New York Life Insurance company, who has been assisting Miss Katherine Weiser the local agent, the last week, returned to Kane today.

Mrs. O. B. Poulson, of Wallacetown, was shopping in town today.

Mrs. Annie Mignot is ill at her home on Second street.

A. W. Leonardson returned last evening from Warren.

Mrs. Clyde Ogden of Bigler, was shopping in town today.

Mrs. Albert Maurey of Curwensville, spent yesterday in town.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Curwensville called on her sister in town yesterday afternoon.

K. A. Mitchell, Surveyor, is attending to business in town.

Miss Ethel Mitchell, of Woodland, spent yesterday with relatives.

Mrs. Helen Albert returned to her home in DuBois today after a visit with Mrs. E. J. Jameson.

Mrs. Gurney Smith is visiting her sister Mrs. Knoll in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart, of Arcadia are moving to Clearfield to be permanent residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray and daughter, Miss Amy Reno, left this morning for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Reuben McPherson accompanied her daughter Mrs. John Pullford to her home in DuBois this morning.

C. W. Fleck left today for a short business trip to Pittsburgh.

Supreme Court to be Guest of President

Second Function of Kind Held at the White House This Winter

Washington, Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States will be the guests of honor at a large reception to be given at the White House this evening by President and Mrs. Wilson. It will be the second function of its kind held at the Executive Mansion this winter, the first having been the Pan-American reception January 7.

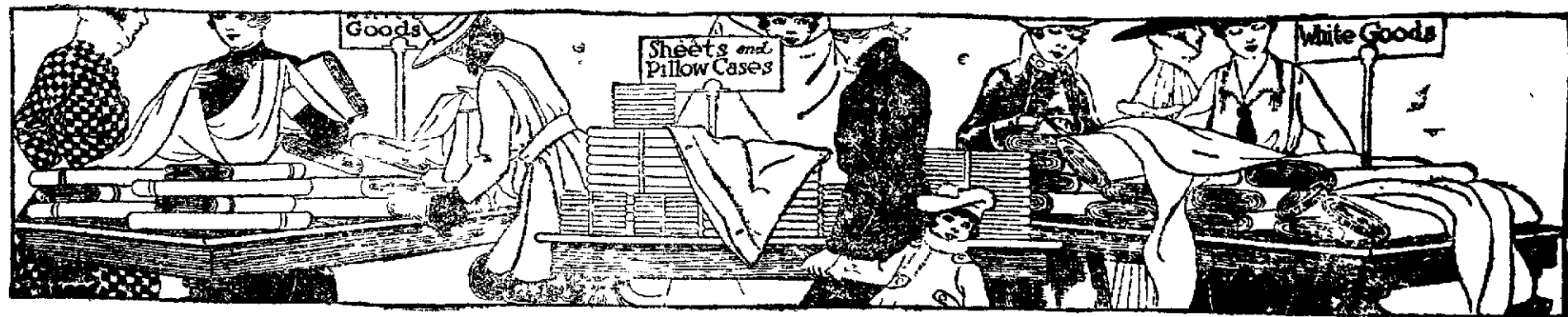
In addition to Chief Justice and Mrs. White, Justices McKenna, Van Devanter, Holmes, Hughes, Pitney and their wives and Justice McReynolds will be present. Justice Day, who has been ill for some weeks, may not be able to attend. In addition, invitations have been sent to many of Washington's most prominent people and while not so large as the Pan-American affair, the gathering tonight will be one of the most distinguished ever assembled in the White House. President and Mrs. Wilson will greet their guests in the Blue Room. Light refreshments will be served in the state dining room during the reception and the Marine Band will play.

DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND MRS. KIN'S BIG FIRE SALE.

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The Sale of White

Finest Qualities at Prices That Are Unusually Low Despite Scarcity of Many Lines and Rise in Prices

In the face of White Goods prices that are increasing daily, we are able to offer exceptionally fine quality goods at prices that are low, all things considered. This has been made possible, because of the fact that we made our purchase for this sale before prices began to advance and the scarcity of merchandise began to make itself felt. You will be wise to buy your White Goods at this sale because they will surely cost you more later.

Many New Special White Sale Bargains will be Added Tomorrow

VERY SPECIAL

85c Bleached Sheets 69c

10 dozen 81x90 Bleached, seamless Sheets, made of the very best quality Sheeting, torn and hemmed, a regular 85c value. Very special for 69c each

50c Turkish Towels 29c

Another lot of those large size Turkish Towels in plain white and colored stripes a splendid 50c value, very special at ... 29c each

All Dark Calicos during White Sale at 6c yd.

All Light Calicos during White Sale at 5c yd.

Best quality Percales during the White Sale at 11c yd.

New White Wash Skirts, all sizes, specially priced at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

A Great Showing of Exceptional Quality Undermuslins at Big Savings

The selection includes big broad assortments of fresh, crisp, new style Corset Covers, Chemise, Combinations, skirts, etc., and the prices mean real savings, big savings.

Princess Slips that were 75c to \$3.00, specially priced at 59c, 79c, 98c, and \$1.59

Fine Muslin Petticoats that were \$1.00 to \$5.00. White Sale prices 69c to \$2.98

New Corset Covers at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Muslin Gowns in hundreds of pretty styles that were \$1.00 to \$3.50. White Sale ... 49c to \$2.19

Combination Skirts special price at 39c, 48c, 59c and 98c

Drawers made of fine quality Cambric and Nainsock now priced from 21c to \$1.00

\$1.35 Table Linen \$1.10

72 in. wide all pure linen Damask in handsome new patterns, and are well worth \$1.50. White Sale price \$1.10

Napkins to match at \$2.95 doz.

Our finest \$1.75 quality of Table Linen, 72 in. wide will sell during this great event for ... \$1.50 yard.

42x36 Pillow Cases, regular 15c quality. Special during the White Sale 12 1/2c

45x36 Pillow Cases regular 18c values, White Sale prices 14c

Best quality Pillow Cases, sizes 45x36 regular 18c value, White Sale price 15c

Best quality Pillow Cases, sizes 42x36, regular 20c value, White Sale price 17c

15 in. wide Bleached Pillow Tubing, regular 25c value. White Sale price 19c

20c quality Bleached Pillow Tubing, 45 inches wide, White Sale price 15c

Quaker Lace Curtains in Ecru and White

50c Lace Curtains, price 39c

75c Lace Curtains price 59c

\$1.00 Lace Curtains 79c

\$1.25, \$1.50 Lace Curtains ... 98c

\$2.00 Lace Curtains price ... \$1.48

\$2.25, \$2.50 Lace Curtains, at \$1.79

\$3.00, \$3.50 Lace Curtains at \$2.48

VERY SPECIAL

\$1.25 and \$1.50 New White Waists at 79c

Several dozen pretty new styles White Waists of fine Batiste and Voiles, daintily trimmed with Embroidered work and laces, low collars, long sleeves, a dozen or more styles to choose from, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Very special at 79c

The Sale of White Brings These Fine Linen Economies

50c Mercerized Table Damask 35c

Mercerized Table Damask, 60 in. wide, five excellent patterns to choose from, durable quality, 50c value, White Sale 35c yd.

89c Mercerized Table Damask 60c

72 in. wide Mercerized Table Damask that looks and feels just like linen, fine quality and would sell regularly for 89c. White Sale price 60c yd.

Merchants and Clerks

We are in hearty accord with your early closing movement and hereby offer you every assistance in this Progressive Movement

Our Banking Hours 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Saturdays 8 A.M. to 12 Noon

Clearfield National Bank
"The Bank of Service"

Cut Prices at Brown's Mean Cash In Hand to Prudent Buyers



The cut is deeper than usual this time, and it will be of even deeper interest to hundreds of you who attend these sales.

The Spring season's approach means house cleaning for merchants. This is particularly true of shoe merchants, because we cannot possibly keep this year's styles in stock. They would be hopelessly out of style next winter.

Get The Point

It means that we must dispose of all our \$4. 85 and 86 Shoes for Men and Women, all of the very latest style and leather, at the remarkably low figures of

\$2.19 and \$2.98

Although we have several dozen pairs of Shoes at these prices, they will not long withstand the demand which is sure to be made for them.

All Gums and Rubbers at Specially Reduced Prices.



BROWN'S BOOT SHOP

WILSON MAY VISIT LADY ON HER 50TH YEAR IN BED TODAY

Mollie Fancher, Ardent Suffragist, Invites President To Attend Celebration

Chief Executive Will Find Two Parrots, Canary and a Little Old Woman in Old Fashioned Bed if He Makes Visit.

New York Feb. 3.—(By United Press.)—Should President Wilson today accept Mollie Fancher's invitation to him to attend at her Brooklyn residence the celebration of her 50th year in bed, a hopeless, cripple, the Chief Executive will see a little old woman in an old fashioned four poster bed on either side, a canary at the window and an unobtrusive dog at her feet somewhere about the fire.

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once sparkling and sly, are as dull as his conversation. Loretta is a sage soul. He has ruled countless families of short-lived cats and dogs to Mollie Fancher's entire satisfaction. Altogether Loretta has served Mollie well as a son for twenty years, and he loves her and she loves him; poor, misnamed old man that he is.

Joe, a mere stripling of 12 years, is cock of the walk these days, and he rules in high feather, with a guttural chuckle and raucous cluck that wins a smile from Mollie and a baleful glare from his brother. Ducky Boy is a mere infant, sort of adopted on probation, you know, but though small and somewhat frowned upon at first, he has sung his way into the hearts of Mollie, Loretta and Joe in the eight years he has been at it.

And they don't have a bad time of it at all, that quartet. They talk about everything, Mollie taking the lead and choosing the subject, Joe racking along empty-headedly, Loretta grumbling and blinking while modest little Ducky Boy just pipes up once in a while.

The late St. Clair M. Elway founder and editor of The Brooklyn Eagle was one of Mollie Fancher's best friends. Most of her childhood friends like Mollie have died in the last few years and Mollie says sometimes now she almost feels like a forgotten old woman.

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all because anybody can prove it.) is that my life has proved that the human soul is greater than the body."

Mollie Fancher is an ardent suffragist, reads a great deal, has some very decided opinion about the war that are far from anything even so modestly resembling neutrality; and is much alive and extraordinarily active woman, considering that she hasn't been out of bed for half a hundred years.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Edward Sheldon, one of the most successful of American playwrights born in Chicago, 30 years ago today.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, born at Bradwood, Ill., 6 years ago today.

Dr. Ernest O. Holland, the new president of Washington State College, born at Bennington, Ind., 45 years ago today.

Rev. William F. McDowell, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, born at Millersburg O. 55 years ago today.

John S. Lambert, judge of the Supreme Court of New York, born at Johnsonville, N. Y., 5 years ago today.

Dr. John A. Marchand, president of Roanoke College, born in Pulaski County Va. 48 years ago today.

Charles F. Schaff, president and receiver of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, born in Licking County O. 60 years ago today.

Herman W. ("Germany") Schoenwald, known base ball player, born in Chicago, 24 years ago today.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Progressive Publishing Company will be held on Monday February 12, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. in the office of the company, Market street, Clearfield, Penna.

E. W. HESS, Secretary.

Volume X

LABOR LEADER IS MADE MEMBER OF PRIVATE COUNCIL

From a house to member of the private council is regarded as a champion of the people's champion.

Will Crooks Endured Hardships in Early Life But Has Become Labor Leader of Parliament. Regrets That He Must Wear Social Robes.

BY WILBUR S. FORREST (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Jan. 22.—(By Mail.)—England's most Abraham Lincoln-like figure is in the limelight. From the poor house to membership in the King's Most Honorable Privy Council is but part of the record of Will Crooks, a member of Parliament and champion of the common people.

On the front doorstep of a modest little cottage in Poplar, a London district, on New Year's day, a figure in white robes, colored shirt sleeves at the cuffs, greeted proud townsfolk with a congratulatory telegram. Messengers brought telegrams in batches and handed them direct to the only resident of the "masses" admitted to the King's Inner Council and permitted to bear the title of Right Honorable.

In the cottage, while Crooks did the honors on the doorstep, Mrs. Crooks, a plump, wholesome English housewife, preparing the New Year's dinner. There are no frills or "swank" in the home of the King's latest Privy Councillor. That is why Mrs. Crooks was in the kitchen while Will, as he is known both in Poplar and Parliament, was assuring his friends on the doorstep that being a Right Honorable made him feel no different.

"There's one thing I want to say," he told them all. "Because the King has deemed fit to call me his right hand, and well beloved or whatever the phrase is, I'm not going to be a party man. I'll be right with the workers. Tell them that the people have more power to work with than with them. I live with them and help to die with them."

When the voters elected Crooks mayor of Poplar in 1901 he made a record that pleased the folk who elected him over a more aristocratic opponent. He wore the traditional robes of office because Mrs. Crooks told him to and not because he wanted to. That is also why he's going to wear the elaborate court dress that is incumbent on a privy councillor.

"If they say 'Will's got to wear court robes,' no, that's all there is to it," said Mrs. Crooks. "Leave it to me. I'll see that he gets them. It was the same when he became Mayor of Poplar. He wasn't going to wear the robes, but I made him."

When the workers of Poplar reviewed Crooks' record as Mayor in 1901, they immediately began to boost his record for Parliament in the Woolwich district of which Poplar is part. He went to Commons with an overwhelming majority and he's still there.

Fighting the battles of the common folks, the appearance of this medium sized laborer M. P. with his flashing blue eyes and iron grey beard on the floor of the House of Commons, has long since ceased to be a joke. Much credit has been given to the "old man" for his courage in the "old man" who dared to call the government's policy into question.

The story of Garfield's boyhood days on the township; Lincoln's splitting and grocery clerk life at Ben Franklin's last penny for a bun in Philadelphia, do not outdo the boyhood vicissitudes of King George's new Privy Councillor.

When he was only six an accident, to his father threw the support of himself and his six brothers and sisters upon his mother.

"I remember how she used to cry because she didn't know where the next meal was coming from," said Crooks today. When Will was nine, a neighbor who kept a shop in Poplar offered his twelve cents a week to deliver milk and he took the job. Then his mother's health failed and because the sixpence a week wouldn't keep the family, they all went to the poorhouse for a time.

Will's next job was in a grocery store at fifty cents a week. At 11 he graduated to the job of blowing the bellows of a forge at a dollar and a half a week, which augmented by earnings of his elder brothers, barely held the family together. At 15 he held the family together.

Crooks grew up a cooper. It was in this trade that he became intensely interested in labor problems, experimenting with the methods of strikes and lockouts and at times being forced to leave home about London in search of work.

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APPAM TO REMAIN GUEST OF THE UNITED STATES

Germans Free to Leave If They Took Prize With Them

Newport News, Pa., Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—The German prize liner Appam was today prepared to remain an indefinite guest of the United States. Formal interment orders were expected from Washington. The Appam was made snug and fast with anchors as if her captain planned a long stay. Most of the 400 British passengers and crew of the Appam and other British ships sunk by the German raider had left Hampton Roads. All of the Britons were free to leave. So were the Germans provided they took their prize along. Legally the Germans were as free to leave port as the Britons. Physically there were some difficulties chief of the latter were the cordons and British cruisers reported outside the cape guarding the entrance to Hampton Roads.

ATTORNEY MAKES POWERFUL PLEA FOR MRS. E. F. MOHR

Jury Will be Out Tomorrow and Mrs. Mohr Will Know Her Fate

Providence, R. I., Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Attorney John J. Fitzgerald today made a powerful plea to the jury for the acquittal of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr on trial for instigating the murder of her husband. Argument in the trial which has now lasted four weeks was expected to be concluded late today.

The jury will be out tomorrow and Mrs. Mohr may know her fate before tomorrow night. An enormous crowd thronged the court room and corridors of the court house for the closing session of the trial today.

ANTHRACITE COAL OPERATORS REJECT MINERS' DEMAND

Operators Propose Settlement by Conciliation Board if Agreement Cannot be Reached

Twenty Per Cent. Increase in Wages, Two Year Working Agreement and Eight Hour Day Refused by the Operators.

New York, Feb. 3.—The anthracite coal operators today rejected the demands of their miners for a 20 per cent. increase in wages, complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, a two-year working agreement, an eight-hour day and changes in the methods of fixing wages.

The operators propose that if the differences cannot be settled by the "interested parties" themselves, they be submitted to the board of conciliation provided for in the award of the anthracite coal strike commission of 1902. The miners' demands were formulated last September at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and were ratified last week by the United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis.

In a reply to their employees, signed by the heads of 19 anthracite companies and approved at their meeting today, it is stated that to grant the wage increase would mean an advance to the consumer of 60 cents a ton for domestic sizes of anthracite. The operators declare that the anthracite industry is being conducted "on as low a margin of profit as is possible if the operators are to continue to serve the public."

Answering the miner's contention of the cost of food in 12 years increased 40 per cent. and wages 5 per cent., the operators present figures purporting to show "an increase of only 16 per cent. in the miner's total cost of living as compared with an increase of over 86 per cent. in his earning capacity."

The Clearfield Candy Kitchen will open for the trade of the public Saturday, Feb. 5, 1916. High grade goods and service guaranteed. Your trade will be appreciated.

of other work until the disputes were settled. Despite it all he married and reared a family of two sons and four daughters. He first held office as a member of the London County Council in 1892. He has held office ever since.

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MARCELLUS DODGE WEALTHIEST YOUNG MAN OF NEW YORK

Young Man Rapidly Becoming One of Country's Most Widely Known Financiers

Dodge Is Married to Niece of John D. Rockefeller—Made Director of Large Insurance Firm After Leaving College.

New York, Feb. 4.—Who is the richest young man in America? Marcellus Hartley Dodge, a Gould, an Astor, or a Vanderbilt, but Marcellus Hartley Dodge of this city, a young man whose name is scarcely known to the public at large. He has just turned 30 years, possesses a million or two for every year of his life, and thanks to a war and the fact that his grandfather was far-sighted enough or lucky enough to establish a munition business, young Dodge is adding to his pile at a rate of a million or more a month. If the war in Europe continues a while longer Marcellus Dodge will not only be the richest young man in America but he will possess a fortune that will rival that of any man in America, irrespective of age.

Until now Dodge has been the least known of the young multimillionaires in absolute possession of his fortune. When his grandfather, Marcellus Hartley, died, the public was surprised to learn that Hartley left about \$40,000,000. Hartley had two children—daughters. One became Mrs. Jenkins and the other Mrs. Dodge. Hartley outlived Mrs. Dodge. Half the estate went to Mrs. Jenkins and half to Marcellus Hartley Dodge.

The Hartley fortune was made in the manufacture of cartridges and firearms. The big factory is at Bridgeport, Conn. Since the beginning of the present war the size of the plant has been more than doubled and has been working day and night to fill war orders.

Young Dodge was a student at Columbia when his grandfather died. He was a member of the track team and coxswain of his class crew. But athletics did not monopolize his attention at the university. He was elected head of the university Y. M. C. A. and president of his class. At the graduation exercises he was voted one of the most popular three men of his class. He returned the compliment that his classmates had paid him by presenting a \$300,000 dormitory to Columbia on his graduation, as a memorial to his grandfather.

The young man took all the responsibility very seriously. No butterfly society life for him. He said goodbye to his classmates and went down to work in the big Broadway offices of his grandfather. Sometimes twice a week he would run down to Bridgeport to see how the big factory was getting along. Very shortly he began to make an impression on the big financiers and business men of New York. The directors of the Equitable Life voted unanimously to give the college boy the seat in the directorate made vacant by the death of his grandfather.

More luck came thick and fast before young Dodge was a year out of college. In 1907 he married Ethel Geraldine Rockefeller, daughter of William Rockefeller, niece of John D. and sister of Percy and William G. Rockefeller. The Dodge-Rockefeller romance was just the same old story—the love of two young people for one another. Miss Rockefeller didn't have the distressing feeling that perhaps she was being wooed for her money—as many a rich girl has had before; and young Mr. Dodge didn't have to think he was being angled for because of his great fortune—as some other young millionaires have felt before.

Mrs. Dodge is distinctly an outdoor woman. She much prefers to canter over the country roads than to trivel at an afternoon tea. She can drive as well as she can ride, too, and nearly every fine afternoon sees her driving a spirited pair, with some young woman friend as companion.

Meanwhile Mr. Dodge is so busy a man that he has had to give up all outdoor sports, except an occasional turn on the golf links on a Saturday afternoon. With all his millions he refuses to speculate. Wall Street is his pet aversion. His surplus income is regularly invested in stocks or bonds of gilt-edged companies. "If I can, I will make my name the synonym for the highest bond and business integrity," he has said.

With all his millions he is as quiet and unassuming as if he was a \$20 a week clerk. He occupies the office his grandfather did, uses the same desk, manages the business as if he owned it and attends to his duties as faithfully as does any of his thousands of employees.

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TWO BOYS BECAME WITH \$530 OF STOLEN MONEY

Expect To Go To Texas To Make Fortune—Another Starts But Turns Back

Yesterday morning two boys about 16 years of age left on the 8:20 train for Texas with \$530 dollars of money which one of the boys had stolen from a vest of his grandfather's. Another boy had intended going with the two runaways but missed the train. The third boy left on the one o'clock train but after getting as far as Mineral Springs thought the matter over and decided to stay under the protection of his father, so he returned to Clearfield by foot.

The purpose of the boys in going to Texas is not definitely known but it appears that they had been subject to what is called "day dreams" and that they had carefully planned their future. The boy that returned home knew a little of two trades and his intention was to follow up these trades regardless of his age. The other two boys did not tell their friends before leaving what they intended doing after arriving at their destination.

The police of Clearfield have been making strenuous efforts to locate the boys or to find some trace of them but their efforts have failed and their parents are ignorant to their whereabouts. The boys had gained such a start that it is not known in which direction they went after arriving in Tyrona. It is hoped that some trace will be found before the day is over.

PREPAREDNESS EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED BY CONGRESS

Deep Pessimism Prevails Over Latest Developments in Lusitania Case

On board the President's special, Pittsburgh, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—That President Wilson's preparedness program will be adopted by congress before the end of March was freely predicted by those to the President today. Whether this opinion was based upon the enthusiasm with which the President has met on his central western tour or whether it was expressed in the light of the international developments could not be learned. It was indicated last night, however, that the President had received from Secretary of State Lansing some important letters and code messages on the Lusitania negotiations and some announcement on the subject is expected shortly after the President's return to Washington.

Washington, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Deep pessimism prevailed in official circles over the latest communication from Berlin on the Lusitania case. It is understood today that the Secretary of State Lansing has received a report from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin and has forwarded this to President Wilson. This report is said to cover what Gerard has been able to learn of Berlin's official attitude on the matter.

It is known that President Wilson will not yield in any particular on the demands he has made of Germany. It has been indicated during his trip by the addresses he has made and it is known to be his belief that a crisis may develop with Germany on the Lusitania issue at any time. It has been ascertained that this government does not care to "dicker" longer on the question and that some understanding must be reached this month.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH IN LARGE NEW YORK FIRE

Bride to be Found in Smoking Debris This Morning, Dead

New York, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Six persons burned to death, one missing and two injured, was the toll of an early morning fire which destroyed the \$50,000 home of Mrs. Casimir Tag, wife of the president of the German American Bank, Brooklyn. The dead are: Hannah Smaely, 65, cousin of Mrs. Tag; Carolyn Tag, 24, daughter of Mrs. Tag; Helen Tag, 35, daughter of Mrs. Tag; Jennie Stedman, 24, trained nurse; Annie Cain, 52, servant; Lizzie Cain, 42, servant.

Awakened by the heat and smoke Miss Caroline Tag whose wedding was to have been February 16th, called the fire headquarters on the telephone and ran upstairs to help get the others. Her body was found in the smoking debris on the third floor.

Called Home on Account of Illness of Mrs. SNOKE

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Glover, Mr. and Mrs. England, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. S. Snoke and Mr. and Mrs. George Snoke, all of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Rager, of Williamsport, sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snoke were called home on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Snoke. We are glad to state at this time that Mrs. Snoke is very much improved.

PHILIPSBURG MAN COMMITS SUICIDE LAST EVENING

James Hobson Borrows Revolver Returns to His Home and Shoots Self in Head

Reason for Suicide Is Not Definitely Known But It Is Thought That Domestic Trouble Was The Reason.

Coroner J. I. Polham was notified last evening that James Hobson, a young married man of Philipsburg, had apparently committed suicide at his home. The only particulars learned were that Hobson had gone to a neighbor's home and borrowed a .32 calibre revolver. He then returned to his home and went up stairs to his bedroom. It is believed that he then placed the revolver against his head and pulled the trigger. He was later found dead.

The authorities of Philipsburg are satisfied that Hobson committed suicide, but there are several features in regard to the affair that need investigation, and in accordance with instruction from District Attorney Welch, Dr. Polham will go to Philipsburg this morning and hold an inquest. Although Mrs. Hobson was in the kitchen just below the room in which the shot was fired, she heard no explosion, and the first intimation she had of anything being wrong was when she smelled smoke. She made an investigation and discovered the dead body.

It is not known just what caused the young man to take his own life, if such proves to be the case. It is alleged that there had been some domestic trouble for some little time, and it is declared that Hobson had threatened to take his life on several occasions. All weapons had been kept away from him, and it is not known how he managed to borrow a gun.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH INVITES DR. H. R. BENDER'S RETURN

Last evening at the Fourth Quarterly conference conducted by the District superintendent, Rev. S. B. Evans, of Tyrona, Pa., the following resolution was passed, addressed to the Bishop, Earl Cranston, D. D. who is to preside at the coming annual conference, at Altoona, March 15th.

Whereas the presiding Bishop and his Cabinet of an annual conference seek as expression of the various quarterly conferences, as to their convictions with reference to the appointment of pastors, and Whereas our pastor, H. R. Bender, came to us nearly five years ago, not upon his own volition, but upon our invitation and the insistence of the presiding Bishop, William F. Anderson, D. D., and

Whereas the pastorate of H. R. Bender has been a blessing to our church, both in pulpit efficiency and in the growth of the church, Therefore, we, the members of the Fourth Quarterly conference of Trinity M. E. church, Clearfield, Pa., respectfully request the return of our pastor for another year.

BEST GAME OF SEASON TONIGHT AT Y. M. C. A.

Jay Kelchner's Quintette Will Meet Clearfield in Fast and Exciting Game

This evening the best basketball game of the season will be played when Susquehanna University five meets the strong Y. M. C. A. team on the local association gym floor. J. Martin Kelchner, well known all round athlete and formerly coach of athletics in the High school is the coach of the visiting team and will probably make his appearance at the game. Kelchner has developed an extra strong team at the college and is confident that his quintette will defeat the home team, but the local five will be there with the goods and give the college boys a good game, probably defeat them. Game starts at 8:15. Admission 25 cents.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING This evening Rev. O. B. Poulson will deliver his closing sermon of the three weeks series at Trinity M. E. church. Rev. Poulson has attracted good congregations, and much good has been done. He has an attractive manner, a good clear voice, a pleasing address, and presents his subjects with clearness and force. You should hear him this evening. Service begins at 7:30.

MRS. STAVES ENTERTAINS AT FIVE HUNDRED PARTY

Mrs. Clyde Staves gave a very delightful five hundred party last evening at her home on Third street. There were four tables and beautiful prizes were won by Mrs. Rex Montgomery and Mrs. Henry Spore. Dainty refreshments were served.

Brookville Minister Will Speak Every Evening Next Week

The evangelistic meetings in the United Brethren church corner of Seventh and Dorey streets, East End, which were postponed two weeks ago on account of the grippe epidemic in Clearfield have again been resumed and are attracting a large number of people each evening. The interest in these meetings is increasing each evening and it is hoped that before they close that many more will be in attendance and share in the good works being done. There have already been several penitents, and the meetings promise to do a great work in the community.

Services every evening at 7:30 excepting Saturday evening to which every one is urged to be present. Next week Rev. R. T. Ketchum, pastor of the Baptist church of Brookville, will preach every night beginning on Monday, February 6. Rev. Ketchum is a splendid speaker and a wide-awake evangelist. Everybody should come and hear him.

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PARLIAMENT HALLS AT OTTAWA RUINED BY CONFLAGRATION

Fatal Fire Caused by Chemical Explosion, Carefully Planned; Many Narrow Escapes

Members Rush Through Smoke to Safety—Losses Will Amount to Probably Eight Million Dollars—Valuable Library Saved.

Ottawa, Ontario, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—The four million Canadian Parliament building was in ruins today. Fire which broke out last night as a result of a chemical explosion, swept out the corridors leading to the galleries and in the space of three minutes had filled the whole wing with a dense volume of smoke. Flames burst throughout the building. Six persons are known to be dead. Two of them are Madam Bray, wife of Dr. Bray, of Quebec, and Madam Morin, wife of Dr. Morin, of Quebec. They were guests of Madam Sevigny, wife of the speaker, and were cut off in their apartments.

At 2:45 this morning the fire was under control and the firemen believe they will be able to prevent its spreading to the east and west wings. Search for the bodies of four men caught by a falling wall was prevented by the heat of the debris. The front and side walls of the senate and commons building were still standing today, but the upper portion of the majestic towers that surmounted the building had toppled into the smoking interior. The library with its priceless volumes was untouched by the flames.

Though the burned buildings cost \$4,000,000 at the time they were built it will cost more than twice that amount to replace it, as various improvements had been made since it was built. Arrangements are being made for parliament to continue its session in the Victoria Museum or the Russell theatre.

Washington, Feb. 4. (By United Press.)—Destruction of the Ottawa Canada House of Parliament was denounced today as a barbarous and unwarranted crime of incendiarism in a resolution by Senator Thomas of Columbus. Senator Gallinger inquired what proof Thomas had that the fire was of incendiary origin and from what sources he received his information. Thomas refused to answer.

Colonel Sherwood, head of the Dominion police, declared today that there is absolutely no ground for rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin. That is impossible, he said. He started right under the nose of a policeman. Colonel Sherwood explained the rapid spread of the blaze by the fact that the reading room was full of papers.

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RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED UPON MANY LICENSES GRANTED

Sale of Liquor in Bottles to Residents of Dry Counties Prohibited by Judge

Several Hotels Are Prohibited From Selling Any Liquor in Bottles to Prevent Prohibited Persons Securing It.

Last Monday when the order issued by the court granted fifty seven licenses out of a total of 78 applicants, the fruits of the labors of the Clearfield County Temperance league, and other temperance organizations were apparent as a great many of the licenses were granted only after the applicant has signed a paper promising to live up to certain restrictions placed upon him.

In many cases these restrictions were placed on the hotels to put a stop to the practice of bootlegging and those on the black list securing liquor. In other places such as DuBois Judge Bell prohibited the sale of liquor in bottle to any resident in the counties where licenses are not granted by the court. This action was taken to prohibit residents of Jefferson county going to DuBois and importing liquor into Jefferson county, as that county went dry yesterday afternoon. Although the order was issued before the county was put on the "water wagon," it was generally thought that all licenses would be refused.

These conditions were a great step toward temperance as heretofore if a single county went dry, liquor could be taken to those counties in bottles. Licenses were granted only after being carefully considered and after the evidence obtained proved that the hotel was a necessity in the community. If the temperance people could prove that the license was not a necessity, then the license was refused. When there was strong evidence on both sides and it was hard to decide which was the stronger, a license was issued with an order for both the applicant and the temperance people to draw up a petition to show the sentiment of the people in the community for presentation at the next license court.

One of the most important conditions placed upon any of the licenses was that the licensee should make no sales of liquor by bottles he made to residents in any county in which licenses are not granted by the court. This condition was placed upon DuBois Hotel company, Chas. A. Dietz, George H. Sloppy, S. A. Nelson, William Krach, James F. Dunn, Joe Benninger, H. R. Burns, Thomas Gaffey, John Rakowski, Charles A. McDonald, all of DuBois and John F. Reed, of Sandy township.

The licenses granted on the condition that no liquor be sold by bottles but all liquor sold shall be consumed immediately at the bar where bought, were Robert Mahaffey, Wm. E. J. Smith, Grampian, S. M. Swift, Woodland, Adam S. Hutchinson, Lawrence township, James Isenberg, Bell township, William M. Ferguson, Mahaffey, S. Dorsey Griffith, Owensville.

The licenses given Henry V. Brown of Bigler township and Charles Beane of Bigler township, were granted on condition that statements of labor of any kind shall not be accepted as payment for liquor and shall not be cashed by the licensee or by any one employed by him also, tokens representing merchandise shall not be taken for liquor on any terms and if such tokens are exchanged for cash the money given must equal the full face nominal value of the tokens.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Fort Worth, Feb. 4.—If Texas farmers ever put into execution the plan of Al Barry, of Wenchester, Wash., for exterminating the jack rabbit pest, the hare devouring microbe is liable to become a common sight on the Texas prairies. Barry says the farmers in his Washington neighborhood inoculated a few jack rabbits with assorted distemper germs. The microbes migrated from one rabbit to another until the rabbits were killed off. Barry has offered to teach Texas farmers his plan.

The Dort five passenger touring car is commodious, comfortable, thoroughly dependable, electrical equipment throughout, electrically started, simply powerful and sturdy built in design, material and construction is represents the most approved type of light car construction. Distributed by C. L. Torrence. P. 2-11.

DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND MRS. KIN'S BIG FIRE SALE

Mrs. Lewis Wise of River street left this morning for Lock Haven to visit her mother, Mrs. Susan Woomey, who is seriously ill at that place.

CLEARFIELD CANDY KITCHEN

The Clearfield Candy Kitchen will open for the trade of the public Saturday, Feb. 5, 1916. High grade goods and service guaranteed. Your trade will be appreciated.

of other work until the disputes were settled. Despite it all he married and reared a family of two sons and four daughters. He first held office as a member of the London County Council in 1892. He has held office ever since.

Today Crooks is looking forward with no very pleasant anticipation to the time, soon, when he'll be forced to appear in court dress of silk, knee breeches with lace ruffles. But he'll do it because Mother Crooks has said: "If Will must be a peer and that's all there is to it, leave it to me. I'll see that he gets them."

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FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 4, 1916

Will some kind friend tell us what has become of one Henry Ford?

The President believes his speechmaking trip has shown that the people are for preparedness. If his own ego didn't din so continually in his ears, he would have known that without making the trip.

Today's issue of the Raftman's Journal contains the interesting announcement that S. V. Border, well known here as the editor of the Herald, forerunner of The Progress, has become an associate editor of that popular weekly.

The Progress takes great pleasure in wishing the McQuown-Border partnership a full measure of success.

The Mikado no doubt feels grateful to the senate for agreeing to a Philippine independence bill without a guarantee of the national integrity of the little nation in embryo. That makes Japan's course free from complications with the United States, for the Philippines are surely destined to become a Japanese province before our little brown brothers get their feet squarely under them as a nation.

Hudson Maxim believes so firmly in preparedness, and so fully in the prospect of our not having it before the European war ends, that he is seeking the exact geographical center of the United States for a day-out for himself and family when whoever is victorious in Europe comes marching upon us to recoup lost fortunes. Hudson can make a fortune out of town lots if he carries out the idea. We'd like to have one right alongside of the exact geographical center.

CHAD THINGS

Today's mail brought bills of lading for the new Duplex press which The Progress hopes to have installed in its new quarters by February 15. The new machine will put an immediate end to bad printing, and patient (and forgiving) readers are assured of one of the best printed newspapers in the state just as quickly as it can be installed.

OLD MOOLEY FAILS AGAIN

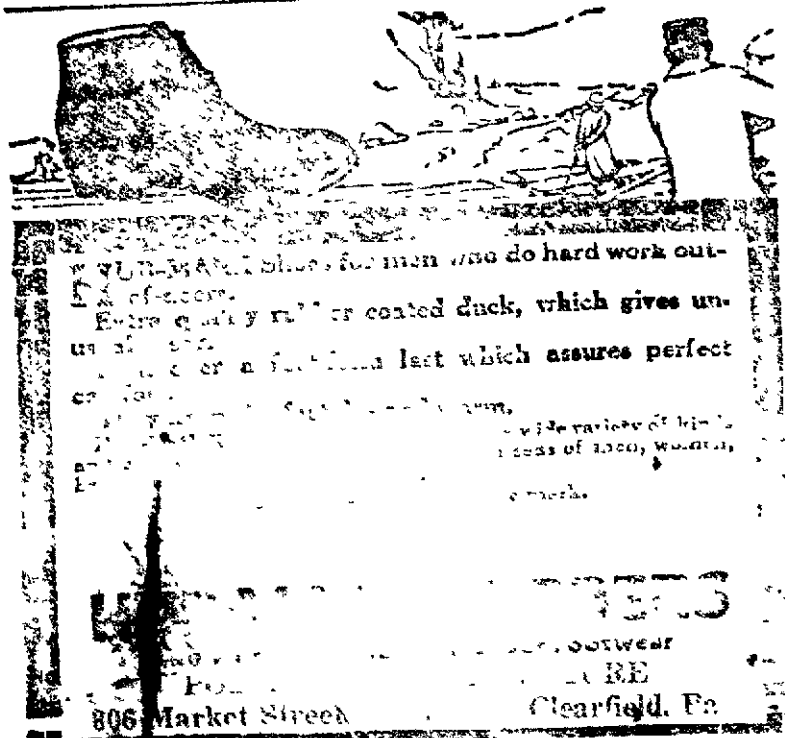
"Old Mooley" has again reduced her batting average. Yesterday morning she failed to announce Philipsburg's appeal for help, the electric light plant again coming to the rescue with a resonant blast which stirred the fire department to action.

As we have repeatedly pointed out, a fire alarm system which will not function is an added danger to the community. Better no system at all, for if we have none we will devise means of heralding fires which at least will not build up our confidence in the efficiency of a service and cause us to relax our vigilance in the assurance of timely warnings which do not come.

Last month the expert who installed the apparatus on top of the court house spent several days here testing out the system to locate its defects. Apparently his visit resulted in no good, for the first demand made upon it after his visit resulted in the same miserable failure which has marked every former test of its efficiency and sufficiency.

It is our understanding that the Gamewell Fire Alarm people guarantee this apparatus. We know that it is successful operation in many other towns of the size of Clearfield, and there appears to be no reason for its continued failure here except mechanical defects which the company should be compelled to remedy.

There should be no further delay in making the proper demands upon the company. Their is the responsibility for making Old Mooley move—ours is the responsibility for making them act without further delay.



Why Turn Your Back on Opportunity?

Berhaps you don't understand the situation. Workmen are waiting to get into my store to put it in shape for such a Spring Opening as you never saw before. I am anxious to get to New York before the market is picked over. There remains enough of my water and smoke damaged stock to make both of these things impossible until you come and clean me out.

To Save Your Life, You Can't Lose

Ask your neighbor who bought here yesterday and today. The reply will be just what I have been urging you to do.

Hurry to Mirkin's Before it is Too Late

Try it and see. If the answer is not just that, come and tell me, and I'll pay you we to keep quiet about it.

The Crowd Was Not So Big Today

If it had been as big as Thursday's rush, I'd have to close up tomorrow to give the salespeople a chance to rest. Tomorrow, though, is going to be a hummer, and it is to your advantage to come early. Take my word for it, this is the biggest sale of its kind ever held in Clearfield, and you are very unwise if you are missing it,

ABE MIRKIN

Today's Geographic Study of The Great European War Zone

First among the reasons offered in explanation of the tenacious neutrality of Greece of the widely scattered Hellenic populations and business interests in the Ottoman Empire. An important part of the wealth of Greece is earned by the enterprises of her people without her borders, and her sons, as captains of Near Eastern industry and commerce, have taken a leading and lucrative part in the exploitation of Turkish lands. Illustration of this phase of the problem confronting the statesmen at Athens, a study prepared by the National Geographic Society on the Greek interests in the Levant is timely. It reads:

"From Damascus to Adrianople, and from Smyrna to Trebizond, Greek capacity for buying and selling, and for banking, has quickened commercial life in spite of the heavy odds of the outworn forms of Turkish administration. Throughout this vast territory, where western capital and leadership are not to the fore, Big Business is in the hands of the Greeks, to such an extent that plutocracy in the Levant has become a matter of nationality. Equipped with the best training that the commercial schools of France and Germany can give, with practical experience in the big firms of London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, and with a native business acumen, it is to that of the Jew, the modern Greek has been able to carry everything before him in those lands where his country where business has been at a standstill since the days of Joseph." Smyrna, Alexandrette, Constantinople and Trebizond, all at ports of the Levant and Middle East, number among their most fortunate citizens and wealthy Greek merchants, bankers, and shipowners. Navigation on the eastern Mediterranean and on the Aegean Sea is

completely in the hands of the Greeks, the Armenians, the Syrians, the Jews and great Western firms with branches in the Middle East. To the Greek has fallen the lion's share of the business. He has always managed to get on with the Turk, whereas the Jew and the Armenian have often failed signally to maintain the favor of their overlords. Especially, has the Armenian succeeded in bringing down upon his luckless head the relentless disapproval of the Moslem, Turk and Kurd. "Shrewd in business and in politics, adaptable, quick to make the skill and methods of the West his own, pliant and persevering, the Greek has enjoyed what might be termed the inside path in the commerce of the Levant. Turk and Kurd, for the most part, have looked tolerantly upon his successful enterprise; and, thus favored above his competitors, he has developed a thousand and one lucrative sources of income in Turkish lands, and these mean much to the welfare of the people in the motherland as they mean to him and to the future of all his fellow colonists in the Sultan's realm."

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If YOUR HOUSE NEEDS WIRING ask us our price now and have the work done later, our contracts will hold good at these low prices until April 1st.

For ten days only, beginning January 25th, until Feb. 4th, you can sign contract for any ELECTRIC work at our exceptionally low prices and have the work done any time between now and the 1st of April.

Just drop us a card or call J. & C. Phone No. 35x-2 Bell Phone No. 7R, and our Solicitor will call and help you solve the LIGHT question.

A certificate of inspection will be furnished FREE for all work during this campaign.

Central Electric Co.

Gossip for Tonight's Tea Table

H. J. Hinterlighter attended to business in Grass Flat today.

Dr. E. C. Reeve returned yesterday from McVeytown.

J. W. Wetter returned this morning from a business trip to Clymer.

Don Ginery was a business visitor to Irwona yesterday.

A. M. Wright is home to spend Sunday with his family.

Jerry Wallace attended to business in DuBois yesterday.

W. C. Lantz, of DuBois, was a business visitor today.

James Gerson of DuBois, spent the day in town.

Coroner Pellum of DuBois, was in town today.

Mrs. I. B. Norris of Curwensville, spent yesterday with her son L. C. Norris.

Mrs. Rena Knepp spent yesterday with relatives in Woodland.

Miss Ursula Murray returned yesterday from a visit to Tyrone.

Mrs. Amelia Leshner and Mrs. Harvey Bloom of Curwensville, were shopping in town today.

Miss Madge Lansberry is spending a few days in Patton.

E. M. McIntosh, of DuBois, transacted business in town yesterday.

John Murray is confined to his home in Ogden avenue with grippe and rheumatism.

Mrs. Parkhill of Curwensville, is spending the week with her sister-in-law Mrs. E. C. Reeve.

B. R. Huff, special representative of the New York Life Insurance company, who has been assisting Miss Katherine Weiser the local agent, the last week, returned to Kane today.

Mrs. O. B. Poulson, of Wallacetown, was shopping in town today.

Mrs. Annie Mignot is ill at her home on Second street.

A. W. Leonardson returned last evening from Warren.

Mrs. Clyde Ogden of Bigler, was shopping in town today.

Mrs. Albert Maurey of Curwensville, spent yesterday in town.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Curwensville called on her son in town yesterday afternoon.

K. A. Mitchell, Surveyor, is attending to business in town.

Miss Ethel Mitchell, of Woodland, spent yesterday with relatives.

Mrs. Helen Albert returned to her home in DuBois today after a visit with Mrs. E. J. Jameson.

Mrs. Gurney Smith is visiting her sister Mrs. Knoll in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart, of Arcadia are moving to Clearfield to be permanent residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray and daughter, Miss Amy Reno, left this morning for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Reuben McPherson accompanied her daughter Mrs. John Palford to her home in DuBois this morning.

C. W. Fleck left today for a short business trip to Pittsburgh.

SUPREME COURT TO BE GUEST OF PRESIDENT

Second Function of Kind Held at the White House This Winter

Washington, Feb. 4.—(By United Press.)—Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States will be the guests of honor at a large reception to be given at the White House this evening by President and Mrs. Wilson. It will be the second function of its kind held at the Executive Mansion this winter, the first having been the Pan-American reception January 7.

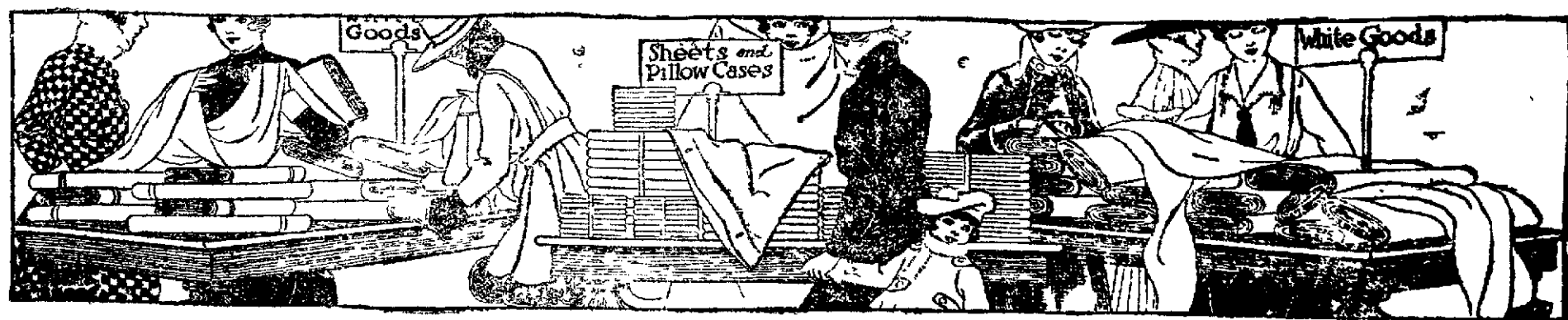
In addition to Chief Justice and Mrs. White, Justices McKenna, Van Devanter, Holmes, Hughes, Pitney and their wives and Justice McReynolds will be present. Justice Day, who has been ill for some weeks, may not be able to attend. In addition, invitations have been sent to many of Washington's most prominent people and while not so large as the Pan-American affair, the gathering tonight will be one of the most distinguished ever assembled in the White House. President and Mrs. Wilson will greet their guests in the Blue Room. Light refreshments will be served in the state dining room during the reception and the Marine Band will play.

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Finest Qualities at Prices That Are Unusually Low Despite Scarcity of Many Lines and Rise in Prices

In the face of White Goods prices that are increasing daily, we are able to offer exceptionally fine quality goods at prices that are low, all things considered. This has been made possible, because of the fact that we made our purchase for this sale before prices began to advance and the scarcity of merchandise began to make itself felt. You will be wise to buy your White Goods at this sale because they will surely cost you more later.

Many New Special White Sale Bargains will be Added Tomorrow

VERY SPECIAL

85c Bleached Sheets 69c

10 dozen 81x90 Bleached, seamless Sheets, made of the very best quality Sheeting, torn and hemmed, a regular 85c value. Very special for 69c each

50c Turkish Towels 29c

Another lot of those large size Turkish Towels in plain white and colored stripes a splendid 50c value, very special at ... 29c each

All Dark Calicos during White Sale at 6c yd.

All Light Calicos during White Sale at 5c yd.

Best quality Percales during the White Sale at 11c yd.

New White Wash Skirts, all sizes, specially priced at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

A Great Showing of Exceptional Quality Undermuslins at Big Savings

The selection includes big broad assortments of fresh, crisp, new style Corset Covers, Chemise, Combinations, skirts, etc., and the prices mean real savings, big savings.

Princess Slips that were 75c to \$3.00, specially priced at 59c, 79c, 98c, and \$1.59

Fine Muslin Petticoats that were \$1.00 to \$5.00. White Sale prices 69c to \$2.98

New Corset Covers at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Muslin Gowns in hundreds of pretty styles that were \$1.00 to \$3.50. White Sale ... 49c to \$2.19

Combination Skirts special price at 39c, 48c, 59c and 98c

Drawers made of fine quality Cambric and Nainsock now priced from 21c to \$1.00

\$1.35 Table Linen \$1.10

72 in. wide all pure linen Damask in handsome new patterns, and are well worth \$1.50. White Sale price \$1.10

Napkins to match at \$.25 doz.

Our finest \$1.75 quality of Table Linen, 72 in. wide will sell during this great event for ... \$1.50 yard.

42x36 Pillow Cases, regular 15c quality. Special during the White Sale 12 1/2c

45x36 Pillow Cases regular 18c values, White Sale prices 14c

Best quality Pillow Cases, sizes 45x36 regular 18c value, White Sale price 15c

Best quality Pillow Cases, sizes 42x36, regular 20c value, White Sale price 17c

15 in. wide Bleached Pillow Tubing, regular 25c value. White Sale price 19c

20c quality Bleached Pillow Tubing, 45 inches wide, White Sale price 15c

Quaker Lace Curtains in Ecru and White

50c Lace Curtains, price 39c

75c Lace Curtains price 59c

\$1.00 Lace Curtains 79c

\$1.25, \$1.50 Lace Curtains ... 98c

\$2.00 Lace Curtains price ... \$1.48

\$2.25, \$2.50 Lace Curtains, at \$1.79

\$3.00, \$3.50 Lace Curtains at \$2.48

VERY SPECIAL

\$1.25 and \$1.50 New White Waists at 79c

Several dozen pretty new styles White Waists of fine Batiste and Voiles, daintily trimmed with Embroidered work and laces, low collars, long sleeves, a dozen or more styles to choose from, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Very special at 79c

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50c Mercerized Table Damask 35c

Mercerized Table Damask, 60 in. wide, five excellent patterns to choose from, durable quality, 50c value, White Sale 35c yd.

89c Mercerized Table Damask 60c

72 in. wide Mercerized Table Damask that looks and feels just like linen, fine quality and would sell regularly for 89c. White Sale price 60c yd.

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Cut Prices at Brown's Mean Cash In Hand to Prudent Buyers



The cut is deeper than usual this time, and it will be of even deeper interest to hundreds of you who attend these sales.

The Spring season's approach means house cleaning for merchants. This is particularly true of shoe merchants, because we cannot possibly keep this year's styles in stock. They would be hopelessly out of style next winter.

Get The Point

It means that we must dispose of all our \$4.85 and \$6 Shoes for Men and Women, all of the very latest style and leather, at the remarkably low figures of

\$2.19 and \$2.98

Although we have several dozen pairs of Shoes at these prices, they will not long withstand the demand which is sure to be made for them.

All Gums and Rubbers at Specially Reduced Prices.



BROWN'S BOOT SHOP

WILSON MAY VISIT LADY ON HER 50TH YEAR IN BED TODAY

Mollie Fancher, Ardent Suffragist, Invites President To Attend Celebration

Chief Executive Will Find Two Parrots, Canary and a Little Old Woman in Old Fashioned Bed if He Makes Visit.

New York Feb. 3.—(By United Press.)—Should President Wilson today accept Mollie Fancher's invitation to him to attend at her Brooklyn residence the celebration of her 50th year in bed, a hopeless, cripple, the Chief Executive will see a little old woman in an old fashioned four poster bed on either side, a canary at the window and an unobtrusive dog at her feet.

The President has not indicated whether he will accept the invitation.

Fifty years ago today a little 16-year-old girl lay in a bed in a room at the Grand Avenue Brooklyn Hotel. She never has been out of that bed, and she has been in it ever since.

"At first right after the accident," said Mollie Fancher today, "I wanted to die; but I soon got over that. Many queer things have been said and written about me, but nothing is true except that I am a crippled old woman who has been in bed fifty years. One man here in Brooklyn years and years ago wrote a book about me telling that I was a clairvoyant and a lot of other stuff. If I'm a clairvoyant or any of the queer things he said about me, I don't know it. About the most wonderful thing about me, (and it isn't wonderful at

once sparkling and sly, are as dull as his conversation. Loretta is a sage soul. He has ruled countless families of short-lived cats and dogs to Mollie Fancher's entire satisfaction. Altogether Loretta has served Mollie well as a son for twenty years, and he loves her and she loves him; poor, misnamed old man that he is.

Joe, a mere stripling of 12 years, is cock of the walk these days, and he rules in high feather, with a guttural chuckle and raucous cluck that wins a smile from Mollie and a baleful glare from his brother. Ducky Boy is a mere infant, sort of adopted on probation, you know, but though small and somewhat frowned upon at first, he has sung his way into the hearts of Mollie, Loretta and Joe in the eight years he has been at it.

And they don't have a bad time of it at all, that quartet. They talk about everything, Mollie taking the lead and choosing the subject, Joe racking along empty-headedly, Loretta grumbling and blinking while modest little Ducky Boy just pipes up once in a while.

The late St. Clair M. Elway founder and editor of The Brooklyn Eagle was one of Mollie Fancher's best friends. Most of her childhood friends like Mollie have died in the last few years and Mollie says sometimes now she almost feels like a forgotten old woman.

"At first right after the accident," said Mollie Fancher today, "I wanted to die; but I soon got over that. Many queer things have been said and written about me, but nothing is true except that I am a crippled old woman who has been in bed fifty years. One man here in Brooklyn years and years ago wrote a book about me telling that I was a clairvoyant and a lot of other stuff. If I'm a clairvoyant or any of the queer things he said about me, I don't know it. About the most wonderful thing about me, (and it isn't wonderful at

all because anybody can prove it.) is that my life has proved that the human soul is greater than the body."

Mollie Fancher is an ardent suffragist, reads a great deal, has some very decided opinion about the war that are far from anything even so modestly resembling neutrality; and is much alive and extraordinarily active woman, considering that she hasn't been out of bed for half a hundred years.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Edward Sheldon, one of the most successful of American playwrights born in Chicago, 30 years ago today.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, born at Bradwood, Ill., 6 years ago today.

Dr. Ernest O. Holland, the new president of Washington State College, born at Bennington, Ind., 45 years ago today.

Rev. William F. McDowell, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, born at Millersburg O. 55 years ago today.

John S. Lambert, judge of the Supreme Court of New York, born at Johnsonville, N. Y., 5 years ago today.

Dr. John A. Marchand, president of Rensselaer College, born in Pulaski County Va. 48 years ago today.

Charles F. Schaff, president and receiver of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, born in Licking County O. 60 years ago today.

Herman W. ("Germany") Schoenwald, known base ball player, born in Chicago, 24 years ago today.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Progressive Publishing Company will be held on Monday February 12, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. in the office of the company, Market street, Clearfield, Penna.

E. W. HEISS, Secretary.